

San Diego Police Department

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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN NORTH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

(**San Diego**) San Diego Police Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an attack which resulted in the death of a 58-year-old woman earlier today.

This morning at 9:17 a.m., SDPD received a call from an adult male who stated that his girlfriend was dying inside of their residence in the 4400 block of Illinois Street. Emergency personnel, including police officers and paramedics arrived on-scene within minutes and found the 58-year-old woman in medical distress suffering from apparent head trauma. She was transported to a local trauma center where she was pronounced dead at 2:11 p.m., as a result of the injuries sustained. The victim's name is being withheld pending notification of family members. An autopsy will be performed tomorrow to determine the cause and the manner of her death.

The decedent's boyfriend, Harold Dwayne Jones (47) was transported to police headquarters for questioning by homicide detectives. Other detectives remained at the crime scene to collect and process evidence related to the attack. During the investigation, detectives learned information that caused them to believe that Harold Jones was the suspect in the attack on his girlfriend. He was interviewed and processed at police headquarters and later booked into San Diego Central Jail on one count of murder.

The motivation for the attack is not known at this point. Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to call SD County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 or SDPD Homicide at (619) 531-2293.